

Environmental Sustainability Board
Robinson Nature Center
September 10, 2015
7:00 pm

At 7:10, Chair Ned Tillman welcomed the meeting's attendees and initiated a round of introductions. Ned welcomed Ed Wilson of Constellation Energy and John Dove of Love Dove Farms to the ESB.

Presentation of the 2015 Climate Action Plan: Jamiyo Mack, CH2M

Highlights from the presentation include a summary of Howard County's Greenhouse Gas Inventory results, emission reductions and renewable energy progress, and future emissions projections and long-term strategies.



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Directors Report-

We are introducing two new committees. One is the Energy Subcabinet. . By routinely meeting with representatives of various departments we will determine how to move forward with energy projects. We want to include the college and public school system. This effort will begin this fall.

The second committee will be agriculture based, bringing in representation from a variety of groups such as the Economic Development Authority, Soil Conservation District, and the UMD Extension Office.

Simultaneously, we're reviving the stormwater committee.

The RFP was released for the \$2 million contract to address impervious surfaces on properties that are engaged in the County's nonprofit partnership program. We have narrowed down the bids to three firms. The project is innovative in that we are giving \$2 million to manage as many acres as possible rather than setting an acreage goal and looking for the lowest bid.

We are developing an RFP for a program that will implement stormwater management packages on 50 – 75 properties in the North Little Patuxent Watershed. Ask Rachel Beebe for more details.

The Roving Radish was successful again this year. We are trying to keep it in the government rather than spinning it off into its own nonprofit. We're considering implementing a vermiculture program at The Old Bushy Park Elementary School to address food waste from the Roving Radish Program.

READY is expanding its scope of work to include maintaining the streams in Old Ellicott City, stream restoration work elsewhere, and other types of work. We have hired a year round crew and are

currently interviewing for a new position, the Program Assistant, who will support the Program Manager. Lori Lilly has replaced Don Tsusaki as Program Manager.

The next ESB meetings: The October meeting will focus on the Green Infrastructure Network and related issues. We will also briefly recap the issues to be discussed at the November meeting, which will be a longer meeting, to determine how the ESB will advise the Executive and County Council in the coming year.

The “Energy, Health, and Climate Expo: Howard County” will be November 17th from 7-9pm at the East Columbia Library. More info @ <http://chesapeakeclimate.org/event/energy-health-and-climate-expo-howard-county/>.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05.